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SUBJECT: EMBASSY RECONSTRUCTION, PROPERTY NO. L01001,
STAIRWELLS

1. PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE CONCERNING RECONSTRUCTION OF STAIR-
WELLS. THE GRUZEN EIGHTH FLOOR DRAWINGS CALL FOR METAL FURRING
STRIPS AND DOUBLE LAYERS OF GYPSUM BOARD ON HALLWAY PARTITIONS
AND STAIRWELLS, WHILE PRELIMINARY GUIDELINSE SET BY FBO HAHN
ARE UNDERSTOOD TO SUGGEST PATCHING AND PAINTING OF STAIRWELLS.

2. IF WE ARE TO PAINT AND PATCH, SCRAPING AND SCRUBBING WILL
BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO REMOVE EXTENSIVE FIRE AND SMOKE
DAMAGE, OTHERWISE NEW PAINT WILL NOT ADHERE. IT WOULD SEEM
TO BE DIFFICULT AND TIME CONSUMING JOB WHICH COULD ONLY BE
DONE BY SEABEES DUE TO RESTRICTED LOCATIONS NOT AVAILABLE
FOR WORK BY OTHERS.

3. ON OTHER HAND, IF WE USE METAL STRIPS AND TWO LAYERS OF
GYPSUM BOARD, WIDTH DIMENSIONS OF SOME ALREADY RATHER
NARROW STAIRWAYS WILL BE FURTHER DIMINISHED BY ABOUT 5 INCHES.

4. BEST THOUGHT HERE IS TO ADOPT THE GYPSUM BOARD APPROACH,
BUT USING ONLY ONE LAYER. BY ROUTING OUT THE EXISTING PLASTER
WHERE FURRING STRIPS ARE TO BE MOUNTED, THERE WOULD GENERALLY
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BE A SOLID BACKING OF OLD PLASTER BEHIND GYPSUM BOARD WHICH
SHOULD PROVIDE SUFFICIENT STRENGTH FOR WEAR AND TEAR OF STAIR
USAGES. METAL STUDS AND STRIPS WITH SINGLE GYPSUM BOARD WOULD
BE USED ON UNDERSIDE OF STAIR RISERS. IN GENERAL, THIS WORK
WOULD NOT BE UNDERTAKEN NOW IN STAIRWELLS WHERE CONTRAUTION
MATERIAL HANDLING IS YET TO TAKE PLACE, BUT IN SEVERAL AREAS
WE WILL SHORTLY NEED TO BEGIN. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. ALSO, VINYL ASBESTOS TILE WITH BASE MOLDING IS PLANNED FOR STAIR LANDINGS. NEW PRE-MOLDED TREADS SEEM REQUIRED IN SOME STAIRWELLS. IF THEY ARE DETERMINED TO BE DESIRABLE, PLEASE ADVISE DETAILS NECESSARY FOR A/FBO PROCUREMENT AND WE WILL DEVELOP AND ADVISE.

6. AND, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PRE-FIRE CONCEPT OF SMOKE-WALL PARTITIONS BETWEEN ADJACENT STAIR RISERS IN STAIRWELLS AND RELATED SMOKE CONTROL DOORS AT LANDINGS NO LONGER APPLIES. WE ARE FOLLOWING FIRE-PLAN CONCEPT DEVELOPED BY FBO HAHN AND EMBASSY RSO TOLSON IN LATE SEPTEMBER, 1977. A/FBO CONCURRENCE IS REQUESTED. TOON

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